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The humanitarian situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in the Gaza Strip, is in a constant state of deterioration, as Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit grave breaches of its responsibilities and obligations under the Geneva Convention relative to the Protection of Civilian Persons in Time of War. While the rhetoric of the occupying Power has taken on a deceivingly more positive tone, since our last letter, dated 26 October 2007, the actual situation on the ground has deteriorated further as a result of its unlawful policies and practices.

The recent international show of support and commitment to peace in the Middle East has been gaining momentum, as reflected in the convening of the international conference at Annapolis, Maryland, on 27 November 2007. Unfortunately, however, Israel, the occupying Power, has responded to the international goodwill by continuing to take actions on the ground against the Palestinian people, violating their basic human rights and indicating that its intentions are contrary to its peace rhetoric.

In flagrant violation of international law, following its declaration of the Gaza Strip as an "enemy entity" in September 2007, the occupying Power continues to take measures to intensify its siege of the Gaza Strip and to collectively punish the entire Palestinian civilian population there. Israel has persisted in its closure of border crossings into and out of the Gaza Strip, obstructing the access and movement of people and goods, including humanitarian, food, medical and building supplies. Moreover, Israel has followed through with its threats to cut fuel supplies to the Gaza Strip, and, as a result, more than 70 per cent of the fuel stations in Gaza have shut down due to lack of fuel and 50 per cent of cars have stopped running, with serious consequences for the living conditions of the civilian population.

It is very disturbing that the Israeli Supreme Court has actually ruled that Israel can limit fuel supplies to Gaza as a means of pressure. It is also disturbing that it is considering a similar plan to cut electricity supply, and has requested the

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State to submit a detailed plan on the matter. In the meantime, it is blocking the plan. The decision by the Court to permit the State to carry out such inhumane punitive measures is completely contrary to international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, unjust and morally unacceptable. Such decisions and measures by Israel, the occupying Power, should be rejected and condemned by the international community, and Israel should be called upon immediately to comply with all of its legal obligations under international law, including to the Palestinian civilian population under its occupation in the Gaza Strip.

Overall, the continuing siege, the reduction of fuel supplies and threats of complete cessation of fuel delivery from Israel, the only source from which the Palestinian people are able to receive fuel, is having and will have an extremely detrimental impact on numerous sectors, including health care, sanitation and environmental services, transportation, education, commerce, industrial production, agriculture and, of course, the daily home life of the Palestinian civilian population. It is necessary to refer to the fact that the siege of Gaza has resulted in the closure of over 75 per cent of industries in the Gaza Strip, adding at least 120,000 Gaza residents to the list of the unemployed. Every sector of the economy is suffering as the occupying Power has decided to allow the population in Gaza access only to what it deems "basic goods", which, as recent reports indicate, does not include almost half of the usual food products Gaza used to import. Not on the list of basic goods that Palestinians are entitled to are dairy products, baby food, winter clothes, and many other goods that in any modern society would be taken for granted.

At the same time, Palestinian patients and the entire medical sector in the Gaza Strip have suffered immeasurably and at times irreversibly because of this policy of starvation and humiliation. Hospitals report severe shortages of vital medical supplies, some in zero supply. This unacceptable situation has forced hospitals to conduct only medically urgent surgeries. Dialysis patients and other patients who require constant care are suffering from the domino effect of the overall situation in Gaza, where power cuts and fuel shortages have made reaching the dialysis wards a daunting task and have affected the hours of their operation and services. These patients and many who remain waiting are being denied their basic right to life-saving medical treatment as a result of a morally repugnant act that contravenes international law and the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949.

Clearly, the continuation of such illegal measures by the occupying Power will only cause further deterioration of the prevailing grave humanitarian situation, with both short and long-term negative consequences for the civilian population, the stability of the area and the prospects for peace.

Israel also continues to pursue its illegal colonization activities in the West Bank via its illegal construction of settlements and the wall. Today, the Israeli Ministry of Housing announced its intention to build an additional 307 housing units in the illegal Israeli settlement of Har Homa, built in the occupied East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Jabal Abu Ghneim, in complete defiance of international law, United Nations resolutions and its commitments under the framework of the peace process, including under the Quartet road map, most recently reaffirmed at Annapolis on 27 November 2007.

Moreover, in the past month, Israeli occupying forces have killed at least 31 Palestinians in various acts of violence, including extrajudicial executions,

military incursions and air strikes in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. In the West Bank, the occupying forces continue to routinely conduct raids into Palestinian cities, towns and villages, undermining the Palestinian Authority and its efforts to enforce the rule of law. In Gaza, an additional 29 Palestinians have also paid with their precious lives because of the draconian and illegal Israeli policy of siege against Gaza, as those patients died while awaiting the "security permission" of the occupying Power to have access to medical treatment not available in isolated and impoverished Gaza.

Over the past seven years, Israel, the occupying Power, has used a number of pretexts to justify its use of such illegal policies against the Palestinian civilian population, including the illegal policies of extrajudicial execution and strangulating siege. However, in the past six months, Israel's intensifying and crippling siege of the Gaza Strip has overstepped all boundaries and violated all norms and principles of international law, with devastating consequences unjustified under any pretext the occupying Power may think of using. These Israeli practices are quickly turning the entire Gaza Strip and its 1.5 million residents into a population completely dependant on handouts and aid for its very survival. The humanitarian situation is on the brink of collapse, and it is no longer acceptable or excusable for the international community to stand by and allow this reprehensible violation of international law and human rights to continue.

The international community, including the Security Council, bears clear responsibilities in this regard. Moreover, the High Contracting Parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention bear additional responsibility to uphold and ensure respect for the Convention in all circumstances, and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, should be no exception.

In closing, I wish to reiterate that the recent gained momentum in peace efforts and talks on the Palestinian-Israeli track does not absolve the occupying Power from the obligation to respect international law and does not offer Israel a free human rights violation pass; nor does it preclude the moral and legal obligations of the international community to continue monitoring the human rights situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and to call for Israel to respect and comply with all of its obligations under international law. Such compliance and respect, in tandem with progress made in resumed direct bilateral negotiations, are what will truly bring about a change in the situation on the ground and in the lives of the people and what will truly advance the peace process.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 300 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 26 October 2007 (A/ES-10/404-S/2007/634), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deep regret to inform you that at least 52 more Palestinian civilians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since

September 2000 to 4,783. (The names of the martyrs who have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

Annex to the identical letters dated 4 December 2007 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Monday, 29 October, to Tuesday, 4 December 2007)

Monday, 29 October 2007

1. Farid Ibrahim Abu Odeh
2. Mohammad Youssef Hamad
3 Ahmad Ibrahim Abu Tahoon

Tuesday, 30 October 2007

4. Bilal Abu Awwad
5. Maher Abu Tair
6. Mahmoud Radwan
7. Ismail Qdaih

Wednesday, 31 October 2007

8. Mahmoud Faek al-Hajj

Thursday, 1 November 2007

9. Mohammad Harbi Siyam

Sunday, 4 November 2007

10. Zaher Suleiman al-Err
11. Ashraf Zaher al-Err
12. Mohammad Abu Harbeed
13. Hasem Khaddourah

Saturday, 10 November 2007

14. Jihad Nasser al-Nabaheen (16)
15. Bilal Ahmad al-Nabaheen (17)

Thursday, 15 November 2007

16. A'ed al-Bayari
17. Mohammad al-Qishawi
18. Mohammad Shabat

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,783.

Tuesday, 20 November 2007

19. Jivara Ahmad Saleh
20. Ahmad Ali Abu Sitta
21. Mohammad Zaki al-Najjar

Thursday, 22 November 2007

22. Salem Ahmad Abu Si'da
23. Nidal al-Najjar

Saturday, 24 November 2007

24. Talal Salama Abu Shghaiba
25. Ra'fat Salama Abu Shghaiba

Sunday, 25 November 2007

26. Alaa' Al-Zra'ei
27. Youssef Hussain Moussa (19)
28. Mohammad Zaki Qawzah

Monday, 26 November 2007

29. Mos'ab Abdelkareem al-Jaa'beer
30. Abdel Hadi Abu al-Jibeen
31. Anas al-Eila
32. Fadi Abdel Sattar Assaf

Tuesday, 27 November 2007

33. Ali al-Soufi

Wednesday, 28 November 2007

34. Rami Abu al-Roos
35. Essam Sa'di Hamdan

Thursday, 29 November 2007

36. Shaher Shaheen
37. Emad Abu Ta'eima
38. Abdallah al-Astal
39. Hani Abu Roumiya

Saturday, 1 December 2007

40. Ziyad Suleiman Abu Anza
41. Mohammad Suleiman Abu Anza
42. Ibrahim Assad Al-Buraim
43. Tamer Mahmoud Abu Jamei'
44. Jihad Fawzi Qodaih

Sunday, 2 December 2007

45. Bassam Al-Helou

Monday, 3 December 2007

46. Firas Qasqas
47. Islam Abdel Nabi
48. Aziz Sari
49. Mohammad Abu Mohadi

Tuesday, 4 December 2007

50. Abdel Rahman Abu Ghaza
51. Sameer al-Daqrn (18)
52. Suleiman al-Houli

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Regrettably, despite the recent revival of the peace process and renewed momentum and hopes, the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, continues to deteriorate as Israel, the occupying Power, persists with its military aggressions and human rights violations against the Palestinian people.

On the eve of the first meeting between Palestinian and Israeli officials in resumed negotiations, Israel has launched a wide military operation in the Gaza Strip, causing more death and destruction and seriously endangering the peace process. Once again, the occupying Power has — in total contradiction to the dialogue, good faith and will, and confidence-building measures necessary for advancing negotiations on sensitive, final status issues in a fragile process that has been frozen for seven years — chosen to use force and its military might against the defenceless Palestinian civilian population under its occupation.

In this regard, today, Israeli tanks, bulldozers and armoured vehicles, backed by military fighter planes, attacked the southern Gaza Strip. In addition, Israeli occupying forces seized positions on the roofs of several homes in the town of Al-Fakhari, south of Khan Younis, carried out house-to-house raids there and detained at least 70 civilians, including the town's mayor. The Israeli assault, which caused fear and panic to spread among the already traumatized civilian population, resulted in the killing of at least six Palestinian men and the injury of several others. Also, two other Palestinian men were killed by the occupying forces in air strikes carried out in the northern Gaza Strip. In this connection, it is necessary to also draw attention to the fact that Israel continues its illegal, crippling siege and strangulation of the Gaza Strip, where the humanitarian situation of the civilian population continues to worsen with each passing day, to the point that the World Health Organization declared a few days ago that the health sector in Gaza is on the verge of catastrophe and that the Palestinians in Gaza are undergoing a slow death, which the international community must not continue to be silent about.

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Of course, this most recent assault on the Gaza Strip by Israel is not an isolated incident. The occupying Power has not for one moment ceased its illegal policies and practices against the Palestinian people nor has it ceased its threats to inflict even more suffering and loss upon them. This is part of a long and ongoing Israeli military campaign against the Palestinian people, carried out under numerous pretexts that cannot in any way justify such transgressions against the civilian population in the Occupied Palestinian Territory. Moreover, in this regard, it is necessary to recall that the Israeli Defense Minister, Ehud Barak, and various other officials have been provocatively declaring for more than a month now their intention to launch a large-scale military operation in the Gaza Strip.

Clearly, such actions by Israel not only undermine and negate peace efforts, but also constitute flagrant violations of international law. Moreover, the continuation of such illegal actions, provocations and incitement will further fuel the cycle of violence, causing deeper deterioration of the situation on the ground, dashing hopes and giving rise to ever more despair and extremism. The international community, whose legal obligations for, interest in and efforts towards the promotion of peace are clearly known, must uphold its responsibilities and hold Israel accountable for all of its breaches of international law and for the harm it is causing to the historic opportunity for peace before us. International law, including humanitarian law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention, and human rights law, must be upheld. Failure to do so will only further embolden the occupying Power to continue committing violations and crimes against the Palestinian people with impunity.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 301 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 4 December 2007 (A/ES-10/405–S/2007/707), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deep regret to inform you that at least 15 more Palestinian civilians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,800. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

Annex to the identical letters dated 11 December 2007 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Wednesday, 5 December, to Tuesday, 11 December 2007)

Wednesday, 5 December 2007

1. Ahmed Abu Al-Oyoon
2. Iyad Abdel Wahab Aziz
3. Mohammad Ali Sobh
4. Mohammad Khalil Suleiman Salah
5. Majed Awad Matar

Thursday, 6 December 2007

6. Mohammad Salman

Friday, 7 December 2007

7. Bahjat Abu Daqqa

Monday, 10 December 2007

8. Hossam Zaki Nashwan

Tuesday, 11 December 2007

9. Salah Al-Din Khalil
10. Khalil Al-Aswad
11. Mohammad Jamal Abu Hamra (19)
12. Ibrahim Barood
13. Omar Khalil
14. Mahmoud Abu Mostafa
15. Suleiman Al-Qassas

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,800.

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I regret to inform you that Israel, the occupying Power, is escalating its military campaign in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem. The recent attacks launched by Israel have caused more death and destruction in the Gaza Strip, and constitute not only flagrantly illegal acts by the occupying Power, but also acts of provocation and incitement that will only feed the cycle of violence and seriously undermine peace efforts.

Over the past 24 hours, the Israeli occupying forces have launched numerous, targeted air strikes against areas in both the northern and southern Gaza Strip, committing the extrajudicial execution of at least 13 Palestinians. In one military assault carried out in the northern Gaza Strip in the Jabalya refugee camp, the Israeli occupying forces killed four Palestinian men as they departed a mosque after morning prayers. Seven other Palestinians were killed in two separate missile strikes that targeted cars in the heavily populated civilian neighbourhoods of Al-Nasr and Tel Al-Hawa in Gaza City. Another attack launched was by the occupying forces in the southern Gaza Strip in the Rafah area, killing two more Palestinian men. In addition to the killings, the lethal and destructive assaults carried out by the occupying Power have terrorized the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip, compounding the daily misery they have been forced to endure under the ongoing crippling siege and humanitarian crisis, which seem to be without end.

Israel's Minister of Defense has boasted about these military attacks and has congratulated the army for its "success" in carrying out these vicious and illegal extrajudicial executions, in what must be viewed as further incitement and provocation. Israel's ratcheting up of the language of war and its actual intensification of the military campaign in the Occupied Palestinian Territory are aggravating the situation on the ground, threatening to further destabilize and worsen the situation. Moreover, at this critical juncture, such unlawful, barbaric acts send the wrong message, completely contradictory to the positive, conciliatory

message sent to the Palestinian people by the Annapolis Conference and the Paris Donor's Conference and completely the opposite of the confidence-building measures needed. It is a message that plays into the hands of extremists who seek to constantly shed doubt on the peace process and is a message that serves to ignite the cycle of violence with full force. Indeed, such acts threaten to undercut the forward momentum that has been recently generated by international efforts and a resumption of final status negotiations between the two sides after many long years of downward spiral and loss, and threaten to sabotage the fragile peace process as a whole.

At the same time, Israel, the occupying Power, instead of pursuing confidence-building measures on the ground, continues to pursue its illegitimate colonization campaign in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in and around Occupied East Jerusalem, constructing and expanding settlements. In this regard, settlement construction continues in the Jabal Abu Ghneim area of East Jerusalem, in complete violation of Security Council and General Assembly resolutions calling for the immediate cessation of settlement construction, in grave breach of the Fourth Geneva Convention and Protocol I Additional to the Geneva Conventions, in total disrespect of the 9 July 2004 Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice and in blatant defiance of Israel's obligations under the road map. Moreover, it has been reported that the occupying Power has called for the continuation of excavation near the Al-Magharba Gate in the Old City of Jerusalem near Al-Haram Al-Sharif, despite the highly controversial nature of and the widespread protests in the past to such illegal measures that aim to change the status and character of East Jerusalem.

Such ongoing actions severely undermine peace momentum and efforts and reveal Israel's true intentions, regardless of its peace rhetoric, to continue pursuit of its illegal colonial and expansionist aims, seeking to de facto annex as much Palestinian land as possible. These actions by Israel, if not ceased, will disrupt the peace process once again, as they did in the past, including when the establishment of the illegal settlement of "Har Homa" in Jabal Abu Ghneim began in 1997, which, it will be recalled, compelled the General Assembly — following the failure of the Security Council to address the issue — to convene its tenth emergency special session to address this grave breach of international law by the occupying Power in Occupied East Jerusalem and other grave breaches committed by it in the rest of the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

It is accordingly urgent that the international community undertake the necessary measures to bring an end to these violations of international law, including humanitarian and human rights law, and to protect and salvage the nascent peace process for the ultimate promotion of peace and security in our region. The international community has clear responsibilities in this regard to respect and to ensure respect of international law, which it must uphold in all circumstances.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 302 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 11 December 2007 (A/ES-10/406-S/2007/728), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian

people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deep regret to inform you that at least 17 more Palestinian civilians have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,817. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
Ambassador
Permanent Observer

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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (From Wednesday, 12 December, to Tuesday, 18 December 2007)

Wednesday, 12 December 2007

1. Sameh Al-Aa'idi

Thursday, 13 December 2007

2. Suleiman Yaseen
3. Khalil Al-Masar'aah
4. Sami Fadl Tafesh

Monday, 17 December 2007

5. Majed Youssef Al-Harazeen
6. Kareem Marwan Al-Dahdouh
7. Ayman Al-Aileh
8. Ammar Abu Al-Sa'eed
9. Jihad Mostafa Daher
10. Na'el Tafesh
11. Ahmad Marwan Al-Dahdouh

Tuesday, 18 December 2007

12. Mohammad Khaled Al-Shareerf
13. Hani Barhoum
14. Mohammad Al-Taramsi
15. Sameer Bakr
16. Usama Yaseen
17. Hosam Abu Habl

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I regret to inform you that the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, continues to deteriorate as Israel, the occupying Power, persists with its military aggressions and human rights violations against the Palestinian people, causing more death and destruction, particularly in the Gaza Strip.

On Thursday, 20 December 2007, the second day of Eid Al-Adha, Israel occupying forces killed 10 Palestinians during an incursion into Al-Musaddar village in the central Gaza Strip. Several Palestinian civilians were injured, including women and children, and two journalists. Israeli occupying forces also razed over 70 donums of agricultural land and partially destroyed 10 houses. Continuing with its military campaign against the Palestinian civilian population in the Gaza Strip, Israel launched yesterday, 27 December 2007, several raids and air strikes in Abasan and in Al-Bureij refugee camp in central Gaza Strip and in Al-Maghraqa neighbourhood south-east of Gaza City that resulted in the killing of seven Palestinians and injuring several others. Israel also continued its incursions into Palestinian cities and towns in the West Bank arresting dozens of Palestinians, including a member of the Palestinian Legislative Council, two members of the Municipal Council of Nablus and three university professors. At dawn today, in Betonia, west of Ramallah in the West Bank, Israeli occupying forces shot and killed a bodyguard of Mr. Ahmad Qurei, Chief Palestinian negotiator. All these illegal Israeli actions are committed in flagrant violation of international law, humanitarian and human rights law, fueling the cycle of violence and seriously endangering the peace process for advancing negotiations on sensitive, final status issues.

Additionally, Israel, the occupying Power, continues its illegal, tightened and crippling siege of the Gaza Strip, where the humanitarian situation and the living conditions of the civilian population continue to worsen and further deteriorate.

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Israel also continues to impose severe restrictions on the movement of Palestinian civilians in the West Bank.

At the same time, Israel, the occupying Power, continues to pursue its illegal colonization campaign in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, particularly in and around occupied East Jerusalem by announcing its expanding plans to build new housing units in occupied East Jerusalem neighbourhood as well as in a nearby settlement, according to the Israeli Housing Ministry's proposed budget for 2008. The proposed budget includes funding for the construction of 500 housing units in Jabal Abu Ghneim area as well as 240 units in the nearby settlement of Ma'aleh Adumim. These illegal settlement activities constitute grave violations and breaches of United Nations resolutions, the Fourth Geneva Convention, the 9 July 2004 advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice and of Israel's obligations and commitments under the road map.

The international community, particularly the Security Council, must urgently uphold its responsibilities and undertake the necessary measures to bring an end to Israel's grave breaches and violations of international law, including humanitarian law, particularly the Fourth Geneva Convention, and human rights law. Failure to do so will only further embolden the occupying Power to continue committing violations and crimes against the Palestinian people with impunity, and threaten to sabotage the fragile peace process as a whole.

This letter is in follow-up to our previous 303 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 18 December 2007 (A/ES-10/407-S/2007/750), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. For all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my deep regret to inform you that at least 22 more Palestinian civilians, including children, have been killed by the Israeli occupying forces, raising the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,839 (the names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter).

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
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Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (From Thursday, 20 December, to Friday, 28 December 2007)

Thursday, 20 December 2007

1. Waleed Hussain Kalloub
2. Jihad Moussa Jaber (19)
3. Ibrahim Aa'ed Abu Middain
4. Mahmoud Mahmoud Al-Mas'hal
5. Na'im Suleiman Al-Arrouqi
6. Hamza Salem Abu T'yoor
7. Khalil Bajes Al-Eissawi
8. Samer Helmi Abu Saif
9. Zaid Thabit (18)
10. Ahmad Abu Mohawish

Friday, 21 December 2007

11. Awad Naji

Sunday, 23 December 2007

12. Muin Al-Masri

Monday, 24 December 2007

13. Atallah Al-Awawda
14. Juma'a Abu Hujayer

Thursday, 27 December 2007

15. Mohammad Abdallah Abu Murshed
16. Hani Abu Eid
17. Haitham Abu Al-Alla
18. Mohammad Faraj Al-Masri
19. Mohammad Fawzi Abu Hasanain
20. Mohammad Ahmad Abu Hasanain
21. Matar Dohair

* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,839.

Friday, 28 December 2007

22. Mu'tasem Sharif